

SENATE RESOLUTION 269
By Norris

A RESOLUTION to commend Elaine Pedigo upon being named
the Citizen of the Year in Richfield, Ohio.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to
specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to
improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Elaine Pedigo is one such estimable person who evinces the greatest
integrity and probity in all her chosen endeavors and has recently been named Richfield, Ohio's
Citizen of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Pedigo has distinguished herself as a public-spirited citizen of the
highest order and as an exceptional asset to her community, and her activities for the
betterment and beautification of Richfield are legendary; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Pedigo's remarkable success as a public servant and civic leader is
directly attributable to her reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense
and her uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, as she approaches her ninth decade, Mrs. Pedigo continues to be active in
many community organizations including the Garden Club and Hale Farm quilters, and she
continues to teach the three and four year old children's Sunday School class at the Akron
Baptist Temple where she has been a member for more than six decades; and

WHEREAS, throughout her many years of exemplary public-service, Mrs. Pedigo has
been involved in the Eastern Star and Rainbow Girls, in addition to serving as Den Mother for
Cub Scouts and as Secretary for the Revere Band Parent's Association; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Pedigo is currently a member of the Friends of the Library, the National Council of Garden Clubs, and the Garden Club of Ohio where she has served as a member of the Board for over fifteen years; she has also served as Past President of the Richfield Garden Club where she is a thirty year member; and

WHEREAS, a master gardener of Landscape Design, Mrs. Pedigo serves as Secretary and Treasurer of the Fairview Cemetery Association; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Pedigo's endeavors with the Richfield Garden Club have greatly benefited the community as a whole; while President of the club, she oversaw the beautification of the town park at East Richfield Center which was honored with a Garden Club of Ohio award; and

WHEREAS, along with friends, Carolyn Clark and Emma Kregenow, Mrs. Pedigo created the Fun Bus program which provided Senior Citizens with transportation to and from important appointments; the program was so highly acclaimed that it soon became a program provided by the village; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Pedigo lent her many talents to this Nation during World War II as a "Rosie the Riveter" at Goodyear Aircraft helping to build the famous Corsair Fighter plane; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Pedigo is an extremely giving person who often reaches out with compassion to people whom life has treated unkindly, and she epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated public servant, and reliable friend and neighbor; and

WHEREAS, her many accomplishments aside, Mrs. Pedigo is most grateful for the love and companionship she shared with her husband, Tennessee native, Martin Pedigo, before his passing, and she has been blessed by the love of her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, according to Richfield resident, Charles Norris, Mrs. Pedigo has led an exemplary life and continues to make the community a better place to live by her fine example; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Pedigo is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that are highly regarded in this "Volunteer State," and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby commend Elaine Pedigo for her honorable and astute service to the good people of Richfield, Ohio, and Tennessee, congratulate her upon being named Citizen of the Year in Richfield, and we salute her unswerving commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.